



Hiwa-
tari

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?!!



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NIWA...!





I HOPE
THAT NIWA
DIDN'T
LEAVE
YET....!



JUST
LIKE I
THOUGHT
...

HE
LEFT
ALREADY
...



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HIWA-
TARI!!

HIWA-
TARI!!
HANG
IN
THERE!



HIWA-
TARI!

HEY,
ARE YOU
OKAY?!



HIWA-
TARI!



WHA-
WHA-
WHA-
WHAT
SHOULD
I DO...?!

He seems
to have
lost con-
sciousness!

WHA
...

HIWA-
TARI!



BUT...

THE
NURSE IS
ALREADY
GONE...!

HE
SEEMS
PRETTY
UNCOM-
FORT-
ABLE...



SO
COLD...



BESIDES,
NORMAL
PEOPLE
WOULDN'T
PICK THIS
SPOT TO
SLEEP.

AND IT
FEELS...



IGNORE
HIM!
IGNORE
HIM!

PRETEND
HE'S
TAKING A
NAP...
NO, HE'S
SLEEP-
ING!

It's not
nice to
wake
him!

I CAN'T
JUST
IGNORE
HIM!!



HE'S
NOT
DEAD
YET!

NO!
YOU
CAN'T
DIE!!

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I WAS
STARTLED!

AH-
THAT
SCARED
ME!

NOT
DEAD
YET...
R-
RIGHT!

startled
by you!

even
when a
beast you
can say it
so nicely!



WHAT'S
WRONG?

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BUT...
I CAN'T
LEAVE
HIM
HERE...

LET'S
BRING HIM
BACK TO
HIS HOUSE.



WHAT
DID
YOU
SAY?!

I'LL
BRING
HIM TO
MY
HOUSE!

NO!

THERE'S
NO WAY
EMIKO WILL
LET YOU
DO THAT!

I CAN'T
LEAVE
HIM BY
HIMSELF
IN HIS
ROOM!

WELL...

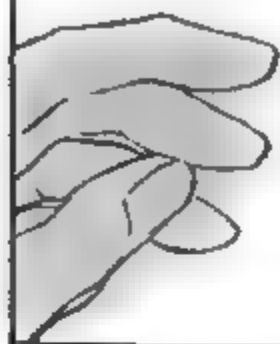
YOU'LL
LET
THAT
GUY
INTO
OUR
HOUSE
?!

YOU'LL

I'LL
DEAL
WITH
HER...







THERE'S SOMEONE HERE. ?











I'll go
ask my
mom...

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h!

Wah!!

ky-
ah!

WHA...

WHAT
ARE YOU
GUYS
DOING

WOULD
YOU LIKE
TO DRINK
SOME
TEA?

I-
I MEAN
...

?!
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I COULDN'T
JUST
LEAVE HIM
AT A PLACE
LIKE THAT!

AND
HIWATARI-
KUN LIVES
ALL BY
HIMSELF!

I BROUGHT
HIM HERE
BECAUSE
HE WASN'T
FEELING
TOO WELL!

SO...
YOU CAN
NEVER LET
YOUR
GUARD
DOWN

IT'LL ALL
BE TAKEN
BACK

I WON'T
LET HIM
STAY

AND IT TOOK
SO LONG TO
STEAL THEM,
THOS PRE-
CIOUS
PIECES OF
ART

!!

IT'S ALL
DARK'S
FAULT THAT
THEY'RE
STOLEN!

BESIDES,
STEALING
OTHER
PEOPLE'S
THINGS...!!





I WON'T SAY ANY-THING ABOUT YOUR FRIEND!

DON'T MISUN-DER-STAND ME...

NOT GRAND-FATHER TOO...!!

DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN!

DAI-SUKE!

THE SITUATION BETWEEN HIKARI AND NIWA WILL NOT CHANGE...

BUT...

WHEN THINGS GET REALLY HARD!

THE DAY WILL COME ...

EVEN IF EVERY-THIN'S FINE RIGHT NOW...

BUT... THE RESULT WAS A DRAW...

WHEN I WAS DARK, I ALSO FOUGHT THEM.

THE HIKARI FAMILY IS THE ENEMY OF US NIWAS!

THE HIKARI IN MY TIME WAS A WOMAN!

WHO'S "HIKARI"?

YOU DON'T MEAN... HWA-TARI?



AND SHE
IS YOUR
FRIEND'S
MOTHER...

I DON'T
KNOW
WHO
THE
FATHER
IS..

I DON'T
KNOW WHY
HE WAS
NAMED
"HIWATARI"
EITHER..

BUT ..
HE IS
DEFINITELY
A HIKARI!

HIKARI!
RIO!

SHE
DISAP-
PEARED
...

AFTER
SHE
GAVE
BIRTH
TO A
DAUGH-
TER...

I
REMEM-
BER
THAT
THE
BABY
GIRL'S
NAME
WAS
...

EXISTING IN
MY MIND...

DARK
CONFIRMED
IT

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EVERY-
THING
IN THE
WORLD

THEY ALL
EXIST IN
PAIRS.

EVEN
IF THEY
ARE THE
SAME INSIDE

THEY
WILL
HAVE A
DIFFER-
ENT
APPEAR-
ANCE!

ISN'T
THAT
RIGHT,
DARK?

GRANDPA,
WHY ARE
YOU
TELLING
ME ALL
THIS?

BECAUSE
...
HIS
TARGET IS
YOU.



TALK TO
YOU FOR
A BIT?

MAY
I...



YOU'RE..
HIWATARI
SATOSHI,
RIGHT?!



I'VE
ALWAYS
WANTED TO
TALK TO
YOU!



What's up
with this
house?

There
are even
hidden
cameras
in my
room



I
CAN
SEE
THAT!



OH! I'M
DAISUKE'S
FATHER,
BY THE
WAY.

TO
ME?



WELL, WE
SHOULDN'T
WASTE
ANYMORE
TIME!

THAT'S
SOME-
THING
THAT
YOU
ALREADY
KNOW.



I AM...
A TYPE OF
SCHOLAR!

I WAS
RESEARCH-
ING ABOUT
THE CUL-
TURAL REV-
OLUT.ION.



YOU...

OFTEN
PUT ON A
VERY
SERIOUS
AND
MATURE
EXPRES-
SION...

NIWA
...

TALKS
ABOUT
ME?



BECAUSE
DAISUKE
OFTEN TALKS
ABOUT YOU
AT HOME,
SO ..

I'VE
ALWAYS
WONDERED
WHAT KIND
OF KID
"H WATARI"
IS!





BUT

AH, UM...
WELL, YOU
MAY JUST
PRETEND THAT
THESE ARE
JUST SOME
WORDS
COMING FROM
A NOSY
ADULT

I CAN'T
JUST SIT
HERE
AND LET
YOU KIDS
SUFFER



DAI-
SUKE
TOO...

IS
WORRY-
ING IN
HIS
OWN
WAY

IF THIS IS
THE SUFFER-
ING THAT'S
NEEDED TO
GROW UP!
THEN NO
MATTER HOW
MUCH IT
HURTS, YOU
MUST EN-
DURE IT!

HOW-
EVER
IF IT
ISN'T.

I...



IT HAS A
BIG SIG-
NIFICANCE!

THAT
ANS-
WER

EVEN
THOUGH I
CANNOT
IMAGINE
WHERE THE
TRUTHS
WILL LEAD
ME.

TO
YOU...

WITH
THAT
AN-
SWER

AND TO
DAISUKE...

I THINK
I AM
CLOSER
TO IT THAN
ANYBODY
ELSE.



SOMETIMES
YOU NEED THE
COURAGE TO
YELL "NO!",
AND FIGHT
BACK.

WHAT YOU
EXPERIENCE
MAY NOT
ALWAYS BE
THE RIGHT
THING!



EVEN IF IT
IS BLOOD
BONDED
WITH
DESTINY—
...



IN
THE
END...



TO
CONTROL
YOUR
SHADOW.

IT CAN
ONLY
BE
USED
ONCE...



IT HAS
ALSO BEEN
USED BY
DARK.

THIS IS A
RING THAT
CONTAINS A
BARRIER
MAGIC.

WHY ARE
YOU GIVING
THIS THING
TO ME...?



THIS IS A
RING THAT
WILL HELP
YOU.

IF HE
CAN
BECOME
YOUR
BEST
FRIEND
...

ABOUT
DAISUKE
...

YOU'LL
COME
ACROSS
SOME
TREA-
SURES...

WHEN
YOU
START TO
WANDER
AROUND
AIM-
LESSLY
LIKE ME,

THEN THAT
WOULD BE
TERRIFIC!

AH..
OH
YEAH!



IF YOU
BELIEVE IN
THE FUTURE...
AND OPEN
YOUR WINGS
TO FLY...

IT MAY
HURT A
BIT,
BUT...

THE CHANCE
TO CUT THE
BOND TO
THAT JOINS
YOU TO THE
PAST HAS
ARRIVED!

THERE IS
SOMEONE
THAT WILL
CHEER F M
ON!

I WANT
TO THINK
LIKE THAT!

THE CURSE
WILL BE
RELEASED!

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
THE
PAST!

IT HAS
NOTHING
TO DO WITH
YOU IN THE
PRESENT!

AT
LEAST.

NWA





I SEE..
SO THE
HOUSE CON-
TAINS THIS
TYPE OF
EQUIPMENT

LOOKS
LIKE T'S
NOT JUST
ONE OR
TWO
SECRET
SWITCHES
AND TRIG-
GERS



Even
though
he's being
said like
that

I
SUP-
POSE
...!

Just one flip
and you might
die

IT'S
BEST IF
YOU
DON'T
TOUCH
THAT!

HI-
HIWA-
TARI...



ITADA-
KIMASU.

See mom,
don't be
like this!

HERE...

HELP
YOUR-
SELF!



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YAH!





THIS-
THIS
PICTURE
WAS
POORLY
DRAWN!

WAA!



WHAT'S
WRONG
...?



I
LIKE
IT!



THIS...
THIS IS
FOR
YOU TO
CHANGE
INTO!

IT'S
MINE,
BUT...

HIWATARI!
YOU SHOULD
GO AHEAD
AND REST,
YOU STILL
LOOK A BIT
UNCOM-
FORTABLE!



REALLY
...?
AH...

THANK
YOU...



EH?

I COULD
NEVER
DRAW
LIKE
THAT...

THIS IS
A MAR-
VELOUS
PICTURE.





IT
DEFI-
NITELY
...

WILL
NOT BE
DES-
TROYED.



IT HAS
ALWAYS
BEEN
LIKE
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EVERY-
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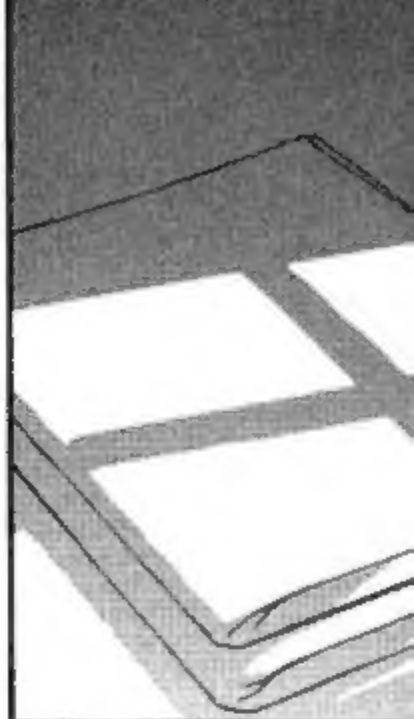
OUR
FRIEND-
SHIP

WILL
NEVER BE
DES-
TROYED

THEY
WERE
ALL
DES-
TROYED!

THE
SILENCE
BEFORE A
STORM...

THESE
WORDS
FLASHED
ACROSS
MY MIND!



MIGHT BE
ABLE TO
CALM
THIS
STORM!

THE WORDS
THAT I CON-
VEYED TO
HIWATARI IN
AN INSTANT...

WILL THAT
STORM BLOW
TOWARDS ME?

OR TOWARD
SOMEONE
ELSE?



AFTER
THAT...

IN SCHOOL
AGAIN!

I NEVER
SAW
HIWATARI





